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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET PROJECT
LEADER GRISHAYEV (DATED MAY 11) FOR HIS US COUNTERPART
CALHOUN, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE CROSSED LETTER IN REFTTEL,
DELIVERED TO SOVIETS ON MAY 16. ORIGINAL LETTER POUCHED
TO EPA FOR SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO. 3584681. INFORMAL
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 2.

2. DEAR DR. DONALD CALHOUN:

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 18 AND
APRIL 28, 1978 IN WHICH YOU PROPOSED THE PROGRAM AND
DATES OF STAY FOR SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN THE USA AND
INVITED THEM TO TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONGRESS ON ENERGY AND ECOSYSTEMS IN GRAND FORKS, NORTH
DAKOTA.

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THE PROGRAM PROPOSED BY YOU COVERS ALMOST THE WHOLE RANGE
OF QUESTIONS OF THE PROJECT AND, OF COURSE, DESERVES
APPROVAL. HOWEVER, WE STILL BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE
THAT THE EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS BE CARRIED OUT THIS TIME
IN THE FORM OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. WE AGREED ABOUT THIS
DURING OUR LAST MEETING. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WE SHALL

NOT INSIST ON OUR PROPOSAL IF IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR YOU. IN MAKING THIS PROPOSAL WE PROCEEDED AND ARE PROCEEDING FROM OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING.

IN THE LETTER OF APRIL 4, 1978 WE INFORMED YOU OF THE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS' STAY IN THE USSR. AT THE SAME TIME WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS' STAY IN THE US ON PROJECT 02.05-31 IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONGRESS WORK.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FACT THAT THE MEMORANDUM DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SENDING SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONGRESS WE CAN NOT ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO SEND THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO THE USA IN EARLY JULY THIS YEAR FOR 13 DAYS AND RECEIVE 4 AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN THE USSR IN LATE JULY - EARLY AUGUST FOR 13 DAYS.

WE SHALL APPRECIATE IT IF YOU PROVIDE OUR SPECIALISTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH RESEARCH METHODS AND PRACTICAL WORK ON LAND RECLAMATION IN FIELDS WITH SULPHIDE-CONTAINING ROCKS AND METHODS OF HYDROLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS ON LAND BEFORE AND AFTER IT HAS BEEN SPOILED WITH VISITS TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF SITES. FOR EXAMPLE,
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IN FAMILIARIZING OURSELVES WITH METHODS OF HYDROLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS WE COULD LIMIT OURSELVES TO A VISIT TO MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BOZEMAN, MONT. AND ITS EXPERIMENTAL SITES.

OUR PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT FIRST THE VISIT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN THE USA AND THEN AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN THE USSR PROCEEDS FROM THE FACT THAT YOU, MR. CALHOUN, ARE PLANNING TO VISIT THE USSR WITH THE DELEGATION OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL ALLOW US TO SUM UP THE RESULTS OF WORK FOR THE PAST HALF YEAR AND TO DISCUSS AND OUTLINE JOINT WORK FOR THE FUTURE ON PROJECT 02.05-31.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY ON THE QUESTIONS PUT IN THIS LETTER AND UPON RECEIVING YOUR OPINION WE SHALL START WORKING OUT A DETAILED PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS' VISIT IN THE USSR AND INFORM YOU OF THE CONCRETE DATES OF DEPARTURE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION FOR THE USA.

BEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, M. GRISHAYEV. MATLOCK

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